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SUBJECT: REMARKS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER FOLLOWING THEIR
MEETING AT SCHLOSS GYMnich ON FEBRUARY 16,
1975

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER QUOTE; (DER BESUCH DES
AMERIKANISCHEN AUSSENMINISTERS HAT GELEGENHEIT GEBOTEN
ZU EINEM MEINUNGSAUSTAUSCH UBER DIE SITUATION IM NAHEN
OSTEN ZU KOMMEN. ES HAT SICH DABEI UBEREINSTIMMENDE
BEWERTUNG ERGEBEN. DAS GLEICHE GILT FUER DIE LAGE IHM
MITTELMERRAUM. ES IST VERSTAENDLICH DASS WIR UNS UEBER
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DIE SITUATION AUF ZYPERN UNTERHALTEN HABEN UND WEITER

GESPRACHSTHEMEN HUETE MORGEN WAR DER STAND DER BERATUNGEN AUF DER KONFERENZ FUER SICHERHEIT UND ZUSAMMENARBEIT IN EUROPA SOWIE, DER STAND DER MBFR, VERHANDLUNG. WIR KONNTEN, WAS FUER UNS NICHT ERSTAUNLICH IST, FESTSTELLEN DASS WIR IN ALLEN DIESEN FRAGEN VOLL UEBEREINSTIMMEN.)

(TRANSLATION) THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT OUR EVALUATIONS ARE IN AGREEMENT. THE SAME APPLIES TO THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT IS NATURAL THAT WE TALKED ABOUT THE CYPRUS SITUATION. OTHER TOPICS THIS MORNING INCLUDED THE STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. WE WERE ABLE, WHICH FOR US IS NOT SURPRISING, TO AGREE FULLY ON ALL THESE QUESTIONS. UNQUOTE.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER QUOTE: BOTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AMERICAN PRESS HERE AND FOR THE SAKE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, I WILL NOT INFLICT MY GERMAN ON YOU, WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAINTAINS IS NOT GERMAN AT ALL, BUT FRANCONIAN (LAUGHTER). I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE REMARKS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. WE REVIEWED MY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, AND THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CYPRUS. AND ON ALL THESE MATTERS THERE WAS A COMPLETE UNANIMITY OF VIEW, AND THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE WARM AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONSHIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE POSITION OF THE PLO?

SECRETARY: THE AMERICAN POSITION ON THE PLO IS WELL KNOWN, AND I AM OBLIGED TO REPEAT IT AT EVERY PRESS CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO DISCUSS WITH THE PLO UNTIL THE PLO RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AND OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS. AT THAT POINT WE CAN THINK ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF GERMAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY IN VIEW OF THE AMERICAN EMBARQO?

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SECRETARY: WELL, THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO DECIDE. WE DISCUSSED RATHER THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND OF COURSE THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON THAT MATTER HAS BEEN MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. UNQUOTE.
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